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Docket No.: 043890-0646

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Hiroyuki KITA, et al.
Application No.: 10/712,305
Filed: November 14, 2003



Customer Number: 20277
Confirmation Number: 8872
Group Art Unit: 2834
Examiner: BUDD, MARK OSBORNE

For: DRIVING METHOD OF PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR, PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR, AND DISK RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
- Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
- Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	33	39	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	5	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire May 14, 2006 (Sunday), please amend the above-identified application as follows: